(*b*) whether the existing water will be provided for agriculture ;

(*c*) whether the height of the dam would be raised by 5 feet ?

SRI S. B. NAGARAL (Minister of State for Minor Irrigation).—

(*a*) Due to the tendered contractor not completing the work in the stipulated time according to the terms of the contract.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Not at present.

**Construction of Anecut Across Hagari River*

469 SRI B. E. RAMAIAH (Siruguppa).— Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any representations were received by the Government from the M.L.A, Siroguppa to construct an anecut across Hagari River near Belgal and Balakundi ;

(*b*) whether the Administrator of Thungabhadra Project and Chief Engineer had visited the spot and opined that the proposal are feasible ;

(*c*) whether the Government is aware that the construction of anecut is most economical and most useful since it provides irrigation facilities to 20,000 acres :

(*d*) if so, the measures taken for the construction of this anecut

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) and (*d*) Detail investigations regarding the flow availability the site conditions etc., are to be made.

CHAIR'S OBSERVATION ABOUT ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.— It is very unfortunate that the members who had put questions are absent when called upon. It is a considerable waste of time and it is a great expenditure on Government. There is adequate provision under the rules of procedure under which if an Hon. Member in case is absent, he can authorise the other members. It amounts to an act of discourtesy to the House.

Mr. Kabadi it relates to only one matter and it is not of general importance. If it is an urgent matter of public importance, I would have allowed it.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ. ಎಲ್. ಕಬಾಡಿ.— ಇದ್ದ ಕಾರಣವಾಶ ಇದೆ. ದಯವಿಟ್ಟು ಅವಕಾಶ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡಿ.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.— If it is really an important matter I would have allowed. I cannot violate the rule.